

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) The question is under consideration.

(b) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a) above.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the question of appointing paid trade agents also is under consideration?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The question of appointing paid trade agents is under consideration.

Confirmation Rules regarding Service.

23. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the general rules accepted by them for confirming persons who have acting claims; and

(b) whether it is the length of acting period or the priority of the date of first appointment that is the criterion for the confirmation?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(a) The confirmation of officers who are acting in any post will ordinarily depend on seniority and efficiency.

(b) The criterion of seniority for purposes of confirmation in a post is priority of first appointment thereto.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is that the rule to be followed by all the Heads of Departments?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): That is the rule to be followed by all Heads of Departments.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there any test for efficiency?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Generally it depends upon the opinion of the Head of the Department or of the Head of the Office.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): മൻകട്ടി സർവ്വീസിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ച ആളുകളുടെ ആക്ടിംഗ് കാലാവധി അവസാനിക്കുമ്പോൾ പിന്നീട് ജോലിയിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ചവരെ പിരിച്ചുവിട്ട് ആ സ്ഥാനത്തു ആദ്യം സർവ്വീസിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ചയാളിനെ നിയമിക്കുന്ന നയം സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): മൊത്തത്തിൽ അതാണ് നയം; എന്നാൽ ചില ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റുകളിൽ അതു സാധിച്ചു എന്നു വരികയില്ല.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ചില ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റുകളിൽ ഈ നയം നിഷ്കർഷയായി അനുവർത്തിക്കുന്നില്ലെന്നു ഞോ പറയുന്നത്?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): സെക്രട്ടറിയേറ്റിലും അക്കൗണ്ടാഫീസിലും ഈ നയം അനുവർത്തിച്ചുവരുന്നു എന്നു തീർച്ചയായി പറയാം.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ശേഷമുള്ള ഡിപ്യൂട്ടി മെമ്പർമാരിൽ ഈ നയം അനുവർത്തിക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണു് ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): കാരണം ഉൾപ്പെട്ട പരയുവാന് തരമുള്ള. അതായത് തോവളതാലൂക്കിലായിരിക്കും ഒരു ഏരിയയുള്ളത്. ആ സമയത്തു് സീനിയർ ആക്ടിംഗ് കൗൺസിലർമാരുമായിരിക്കും ജോലിനോക്കുന്നത്. അയാൾ അവിടെനിന്നും തോവളയിലേക്കു വരുമ്പോൾ ആക്ടിംഗ് ഏരിയയിൻറെ കാലാവധി തീർന്നപ്പോൾ. അങ്ങിനെ വരുന്ന സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിൽ ഈ നയം സാധാരണമായി അനുവർത്തിക്കാറില്ല.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള സന്ദർഭങ്ങളല്ലാതുള്ള കാലങ്ങളിൽ ഈ നയം അനുവർത്തിക്കാൻ ഉത്തരവയുണ്ടോ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): ഗവണ്മെൻറുത്തരവയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരിക്കണം.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): “ഉത്തരവയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരിക്കണം” എന്നു മെമ്പർ-പരയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയുള്ളോ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): ഫിനാൻഷ്യൽ സെക്രട്ടറിയേറ്റിൽനിന്നും ഈ സംഗതിക്കു് അങ്ങിനെ ഉത്തരവയച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ജനറൽ സെക്രട്ടറിയേറ്റിൽനിന്നും ഉത്തരവു് അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What Mr. Velayudhan Pillai wants to know is whether the official member is able to make a statement as to whether that has been done or not.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have already given my answer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the same principle applies to the Survey Department?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It applies to every department in the State.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Head of the Survey Department has violated those principles and rules?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I disallow that question.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know to which preference is given when efficiency and communal claims come to clash?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to answer the question.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the member be pleased to state whether any instance has come to the notice of Government that the general rule has not been observed by any Department?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): My question was whether Government have any information.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have no information. If the member would refer to any specific instance, the matter can be enquired into.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I think it is necessary in the interests of proper answers being given that the member in charge should be able to say whether he answers on behalf of Government or on behalf only of his department. (*Hear, hear*).

The question is whether Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, Financial Secretary to Government and Account Officer, is speaking on behalf of his department or on behalf of Government.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I am referring to Government in the Finance Department—not to Government in the Administrative Department.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): We do not catch the member. We are anxiously expecting to hear his reply.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You may put a question and he will answer.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): We want to know whether he speaks on behalf of Government.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I am speaking on behalf of Government in the Finance Department.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I remind the member that a short while ago he was telling us that he was not aware of the orders of Government?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Kindly put the question once more.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): A short while ago we heard him say, in answer to the question whether any orders have been issued by Government, that he was not aware.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is a statement and not a question.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether, when he was answering the question about all departments, he was answering it only from the point of view of the Financial Department or the Government?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He has already stated his position.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether he has any other view except the financial view on this question?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He has already stated that he is speaking only on behalf of the Finance Department of Government.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*): I rise to a point of order. In answer to this question, members expect to receive answers on behalf of Government as a whole. The Financial Secretary is answering only on behalf of the Financial Secretariat. I want to know who is to give the balance of the answer.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The point that has been raised had been already anticipated by me and that is the reason why I asked the Government member whether he spoke on behalf of Government or only on behalf of his department. The member stated that he represents Government in the Finance Department. That means that he is not able to say anything more about the policy of Government except what pertains to his department.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (Nominated) : I rise to a point of order. It is necessary that Government should make some arrangements for giving full answers on behalf of Government as a whole.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That is a matter on which the member may address Government separately and not examine Mr. Nilakanta Pillai.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (Changanachery I) : What are we to do when sending questions? Are we to expect a particular member to answer on behalf of Government or are we to expect Government to give full answers?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I am expected only to give a ruling on a subject that relates to proceedings in this House. What the Government may do on this matter is not a thing which comes within the purview of this House. If the members feel that better arrangements should be made, they may address Government in regard to that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (Trivandrum-Rural) : I wish to know clearly whether I am right or wrong in taking whatever comes from the official side as coming on behalf of Government. I was always under the impression that, when a member speaks from the official side, he speaks on behalf of Government and in no other capacity than that of Government. I want to know whether, when an official member is speaking, he is responsible for what he is saying on behalf of Government.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : It is a matter for inference.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (Trivandrum-Rural) : It is not.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : It is a matter for inference because, when the Government entrust any particular business to one of their officers and that officer stands up in this House and answers on behalf of Government, it is only right that we take it as on behalf of Government.

If a member says anything on behalf of Government, we can make our own inference. It is not a point on which a ruling is necessary.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (Kunnathad II) : According to Rule 19, "No discussion shall be permitted in respect of any question or of any answer given to a question."

Therefore my point is that there is no discussion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I do not agree with you.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara) : May I request the Deputy President to address the Government on behalf of the House for getting proper answers?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That representation of the member may be considered. I may also express the wish that a responsible officer of Government will make a statement, if necessary, if they deem fit, explaining the position of the official members. The House takes it that every officer who is there on the other side represents Government not only in his own department but in general.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (Trivandrum-Rural) : May I know whether it is not to be gathered from the Regulation and rules? Is it for the official member to say what he is here for? He is here to do what the law wants him to do. It is not for him to say what he is here for.

The Vaccination Class.

24.* MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of places that are at present available for the candidates who have passed out of the vaccination class held last year; and

(b) if the number of such places is not adequate to provide for the available qualified hands, why it is proposed to hold a new class this year?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (Ag. Chief Secretary to Government) : (a) Nil.

(b) Government do not intend opening a vaccination class this year similar to that held last time.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara) : Is there provision in the budget for the same?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (Ag. Chief Secretary to Government) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara) : May I know whether a large number of vacancies was expected to occur when that provision was made?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (Ag. Chief Secretary to Government) : I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara) : May I know whether, when appointments are made from those who have passed the tests, persons who have secured a higher rank will be preferred to those who have secured a lower rank?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (Ag. Chief Secretary to Government) : I should think that that is the rule generally followed.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (Tovale) : May I know whether the answer he gives is on behalf of the Vaccination Department or the Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (Ag. Chief Secretary to Government) : On behalf of Government.

Sale rate of electric power at Alwaye.

25. MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (Comm. and Industry, North) : Will the Government be pleased to state the rate at which they propose to sell electricity at Alwaye for the following purposes —